Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NET Cropland – (includes Hayland)

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NET Cropland – (includes Hayland)		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes O or No O
2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	Yes O or No O
3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map?(http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm)	Yes O or No O
4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes O or No O
5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act?	Yes O or No O
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. (SOIL)Will a soil condition concern be treated on cropland or pasture?	
2. (SOIL)Will accelerated erosion on non-cropland be treated?	Yes O or No O
3. (SOIL)Will a streambank be stabilized to halt excessive bank erosion and sediment loading?	Yes O or No O
4. (WATER)Will a buffer practice be installed to improve water quality?	Yes O or No O
5. (WATER)Will nutrients from commercial fertilizer or animal manure application be managed on crop, hay or pasture land to improve or protect surface water quality?Note: the application of animal manure will require a comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP)	Yes O or No O
6. (WATER)Will a pest concern be managed to improve ground and/or surface water quality?	Yes O or No O
7. (WATER)Will a heavy use area be stabilized to improve or protect surface water quality? Note: does not include gravel around troughs.	Yes O or No O
8. (WATER)Will practices be applied to forest access roads, where sediment is being delivered directly or indirectly to salmonid-bearing streams, to improve water quality?	
9. (WATER)Will practices be applied on land adjacent to a perennial or intermittent stream to improve a water quality concern that originates on the planning unit?	
10. (WATER)Will irrigation efficiency on existing non-surface systems be increased by at least 10%?	Yes O or No O
11. (WATER)Will a water use-meter be installed under practice 449-Irrigation Water Management to document actual irrigation water used after irrigation efficiency measures are implemented (answered "yes" to question 11 above)?	Yes O or No O
12. (PLANT)Will livestock water development(s) be installed to achieve proper grazing distribution and improved plant productivity, health and vigor?	
13. (PLANT)Will livestock access to riparian areas along watercourses or water bodies be managed to improve or protect the productivity, health and vigor of riparian vegetation?	

14. (PLANT)Will livestock access to riparian areas along water courses or water bodies be managed (answered "yes" to question 12 above) and will livestock exclusion be implemented on 100% of the riparian area? (excluding waster gaps and hardened crossings)	Yes O or No O
15. (PLANT)Will prescribed grazing be applied on the planning unit in order to improve or maintain plant productivity, health and vigor?	Yes O or No O
16. (PLANT)Will permanent vegetative cover be installed or improved to solve a plant condition resource concern? (excludes hayfield rotational reseeding)	Yes O or No O
17. (PLANT)Will only native species be used in vegetative improvement practice(s) applied on the planning unit?	Yes O or No O
18. (PLANT)Will forest diseases and pests be managed, or overstocking be corrected, to improve forest health on Non-Industrial Private Forestland (NIPF)?	Yes O or No O
19. (PLANT)Will components of an existing forest management plan be implemented by these practices?	Yes O or No O
20. (ANIMAL)Will impairments to upstream passage of salmonid fish be removed or improved to allow passage?	Yes O or No O
21. (ANIMAL)Will one or more eligible practices be installed to benefit terrestrial wildlife species?	Yes O or No O
22. (ANIMAL)If pre-commercial thinning is planned, will at least 10% of the PCT unit be left untreated, AND pruning will be limited to within 150 feet of roads, driveways and structures prone to wildfire hazard to achieve Wildlife Upland Habitat practice standards?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: